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DISTRICT FOUR

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*Councilman Young welcomes the attendees at the Building Our Community Together Breakfast
hosted at the Joe and Vi Jacobs Center.*

COUNCIL ACTIONS: CITY BUDGET IN CRISIS!

On Monday November 24, 2008 the San Diego City Council, in response to the Mayor's proposed budget cuts to close a projected \$43 million mid-year deficit that included closing several libraries, recreation centers, and reducing fire and rescue services, approved my motion to keep libraries open, recreation centers open, and not reduce fire and rescue services.

Over 100 District Four residents attended a forum I convened at Malcolm X Library to discuss the impending cuts. Thousands of people sent e-mails, phoned Council offices and personally testified at the budget hearings to protest the Mayor's proposal. Protest rallies were held at Beckwourth library and other library and recreation center sites throughout the city. The City's Independent Budget Analysts and her staff provided the Council with information on funds normally not discussed in this process. I also requested the IBA to review the millions of dollars in various city reserve accounts which could be used to keep libraries and parks and recreation centers open for the remainder of the fiscal year. The Mayor also requested that all Council offices reduce their budgets by \$49,000. I agreed to his request and reduced my office budget by \$50,000. The Council concurred with my direction to use the \$50,000 toward keeping the 4th District's library and recreation center open. These are short term measures. However, I asked for the Council to support me in giving us "breathing room" so that we have an opportunity to have quality discussions and

